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E.O.: 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, SA, US

SUBJ: DEATH OF KING FAISAL

REF : A. JIDDA 2119; B. STATE 66828

1. BODY OF KING FAISAL WILL BE BURIED TOMORROW AFTERNOON, MARCH 26. NO RPT NO CEREMONY IS PLANNED, AND NO FOREIGN DIGNITARIES ARE INVITED, THOUGH SOME MUSLIM LEADERS MAY COME UNINVITED. KING KHALED WILL BE GIVEN FORMAL ALLEGIANCE OF FAMILY, GOVERNMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TRIBES AND CITIZENS TOMORROW MORNING. AMBASSADOR WILL TRY TO CALL ON CROWN PRINCE FHAD AND OTHERS AFTER HE HAS CALLED ON NEW KING.

2. KHALED WILL RECEIVE CONDOLENCES AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM FOREIGNERS THE FOLLOWING DAY, MARCH 27. AMBASSADOR WHO NOW IN RIYADH, REQUESTS MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO NEW KING FOR PRESENTATION AT THAT TIME (PRESIDENT'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE REF B WILL HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO DIWAN MARCH 25.)

3. SUGGESTED TEXT OF PROPOSED LETTER FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO KING KHALED FOLLOWS:

"YOUR MAJESTY:

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"AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF OUR TRAGIC LOSS, I

WISH TO ASSURE YOUR MAJESTY IT IS MY SINCERE HOPE THAT
THE CLOSE TIES THAT HAVE BOUND OUR NATIONS AND PEOPLES
FOR ALMOST TWO GENERATIONS SHALL CONTINUE AND PROSPER. I
CAN PLEDGE MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THIS GOAL WHICH IS SO
IMPORTANT TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR NATIONS, TO THE REGION
OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO THE DESTINY OF THE FREE WORLD.
SINCERELY. GERALD R. FORD."

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